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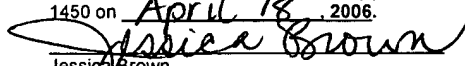
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
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This is in response to the Office Action, mailed October 18, 2005. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is being filed contemporaneously herewith. An Information Disclosure Statement is also being filed contemporaneously herewith to disclose the newly identified references cited in the International Search Report for PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US2004/003807, mailed April 4, 2006.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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